

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 IO-13 SSM-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01  
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R 111339Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2484  
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AMCONSUL JERUSALEM  
A/USCINCEUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 4782

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, IS  
SUBJECT: AFTERMATH TO REPORTED TERRORIST ATTACK

REF: TEL AVIV 4710

1. THE EXACT NATURE AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE  
REPORTS OF A TERRORIST INCURSION SUNDAY NIGHT ARE STILL  
BEING INVESTIGATED. THERE IS A SENSE OF GENERAL RELIEF,  
HOWEVER, THAT THE INCIDENT WAS ONLY A FALSE ALARM. PRESS  
COMMENT HAS BEEN MIXED, WITH SOME OBSERVERS CLAIMING THAT  
THE SCARE PROVIDED A GOOD TEST FOR LESSONS LEARNED IN THE  
MARCH 11 COUNTRY CLUB ATTACK: "COORDINATION BE-  
TWEEN THE POLICE AND THE ARMY WAS VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE  
SHOWING THE LESSON LEARNED FROM THE COASTAL ROAD ATTACK  
LAST MONTH" (POST). OTHERS CRITICIZED AN OVER-  
REACTION TO RUMORS: "THE SCALE OF THE SECURITY MEA-  
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SURES SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUITED TO THE MEASURE OF VALI-  
DITY OF THE RUMORS AND THE CREATION OF UNDUE PANIC  
COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED" MAARIV. SEE SEPTTEL FOR  
COMMENT MADE TO US BY DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN.  
2. COMMENT: THE INCIDENT ILLUSTRATED IN RATHER CLEAR  
FASHION THE NERVOUSNESS AND SENSITIVITY ABOUT THE TERROR-  
IST ATTACKS ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI PUBLIC. THE RE-

ACTION BY MILITARY AND POLICE UNITS ALSO SHOWS THE  
AWARENESS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO THE VULNERABILITY OF  
ISRAEL TO TERRORIST ATTACKS FROM THE SEA AND THEIR DE-  
TERMINATION TO BE AS WELL PREPARED AS POSSIBLE FOR SUCH  
EVENTS.  
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